

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
MARCH 4, 2009 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Anne Brumley, Kenneth A. Johnson, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, Administrator J. Ronald Thurman, Assistant Administrator Denise Douglass, Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers, and Finance Director Tammy McCarn. Also attending the meeting was Scott Hunter, Mayor of Town of Cheraw. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller asked Administrator J. Ronald Thurman to open the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that item 9(b) would need to be added to today's agenda dealing with the Repeal of Drug Policy Ordinance. Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt the March 4, 2009 meeting agenda with approved changes. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the February 4, 2009 regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**a. The Honorable Sarah B. Nuckles, SC Highway Commissioner, Fifth Congressional District**

Commissioner Nuckles requested to appear before Council on her way to Columbia today. Her visit will be a chance to meet the members of the Chesterfield Council and formally introduce herself to Council. Commissioner Nuckles serves the Fifth Congressional District Counties: all, or part of, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marlboro, Newberry, Sumter, and York.

Commissioner Nuckles spoke on the bridge replacement over Bear Creek and the dedication of the Paul Burch Bridge. She also mentioned the Economic Stimulus Act. The commission came up with a formula to distribute approximately \$460 million for transportation projects and trying to look at distributing over the whole state. The commissioner had to distribute 200 million of the money because of the 120 day factor. All projects had to go to federally designated roads and bridges. The disbursements were based on the number of federal lane miles that each county has. Chesterfield County got

2.42% of the first million. The district engineering had the roads ranked and based on the money and pricing Chesterfield County will get 6.3 miles of repaving. SC 145 will be resurfaced for 6.3 miles. According to the Economic Stimulus Act all projects have to be shovel ready and if these guidelines are not met the money will go back.

**b. The Honorable William B. Rogers, Jr., Solicitor, Fourth Judicial Circuit**

Solicitor William B. Rogers appeared before Council reading the availability of additional monies in the form of surplus funds that could offset shortfalls imposed by the State to help run his office. He requested money from the Victim's Advocate Fund. He is requested \$75,000 now \$75,000 next year and the Sheriff \$38,000 now and \$38,000 next year. This money can only be used for victim's service. He also stated that he has spoke with the Sheriff and he is in agreement with this and that over half of the solicitor's office employees' are from Chesterfield County.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to disburse \$75,000 now \$75,000 next year to the solicitor's office out of the victim's advocates fund and \$38,000 now \$38,000 next year to the Sheriff. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPOINTMENTS OTHER OFFICIALS**

**a. Katherine Griggs, Cheraw Inc.**

Ms. Griggs appeared before Council to distribute a DVD and speak briefly about the work of Cheraw Inc. Cheraw Inc. was established in April 2006 by the Cheraw Town Council and Mayor to hopefully recruit industries and business to the Town of Cheraw.

Harold Lomas a member of Cheraw Inc. also had some comments about the need of a speculative building in the new industrial park. He also mentioned about a rail park in Cheraw, cleaning up the roads in Cheraw, improvement to the county web site, and Cherry McCoy's retirement issue.

**b. Ralph E. Laney, Director, Chesterfield County DSS**

Mr. Laney appeared before Council to present the Annual DSS Report for Fiscal Year 07-08.

**GENERAL PUBLIC**

Mr. Jenkins appeared before Council to discuss an incident at a public place. He was arrested at CB's in Cheraw. He stated that the deputy hurt his back and now the county will not pay his hospital bills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Land Transfer Ordinance – Public Hearing**

Council Member Moore made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **a. Land Transfer Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

#### **b. Drug Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Title Only)**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to repeal the Drug Policy Ordinance. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

None

### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

#### **a. Proposed State Budget Cut for County Government- Administrator Thurman**

Administrator Thurman updated Council on the status of the proposed cut by Legislature. Last week the House Ways and Means Committee voted to cut \$122,000,000 (one hundred twenty-two million) from the Local Government Fund for FY 2010, taking the Counties back to FY 1995 funding. This would mean a revenue shortfall to Chesterfield County in the amount of \$1,081,653 (one million eighty-one thousand six hundred fifty three) from a 13.8 million dollar operations budget. This cut would cripple Chesterfield County not only from a services standpoint, but also a personnel standpoint. The Local Government Fund is monies appropriated by the State and given to Counties to support local State agencies.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Workforce Investment Board Appointment**

Ms. Vickie Tyner, Workforce Development Director, is requesting that Council appoint a new representative to the Workforce investment Board to replace Ms. Cherry McCoy, who has requested not to be re-appointed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to appoint Anne Brumley to serve a three-year term on the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not enter Executive Session.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Crawford Moore**

None

### **Bruce E. Rivers**

None

### **Anne Brumley**

None

### **Lenora V. Powe**

Youth workshop rally for Democratic Party Saturday at 9:00 a.m. She also mentioned that we the state of the economy the county should look into using local vendors for services.

### **Gerald L. Miller**

None

### **Kenneth A. Johnson**

None

### **George Franklin Plyler**

None

### **J. Matthew Rivers**

The county received a letter from Ann Knight requesting that the county proclaim this week as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week".

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to declare March 2-8, 2009, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week". Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

### **Robert G. Cole**

None

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**ADJOURN**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

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MICHELLE SELLERS  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_